GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1142
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001
CONSERVATION WORK BY ASI
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conservation of certain monuments were not carried out for years together due to inadequate funds and lack of detailed report from the respective Superintending Archaeologist;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the list of such monuments which need to be conserved, circle-wise;

(c) whether the Government have approached any foreign funding agencies like the UNESCO or any other foreign country for financial assistance to carry out conservation works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): It is the constant endeavour of the Archaeological Survey of India to maintain its Monuments in good shape.

Works relating to structural conservation chemical preservation and environmental development of Monuments are taken up as per the intense priority of the Monuments and the availability of funds.

(c) & (d): The details are as per annexure.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) &(d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question No.1142 to be replied on 01.03.2001.

(c)& (d): Financial assistance has been received from UNESCO in respect of the following:-

(a) Conservation of Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi and Satdhara in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Scientific investigations of Sun Temple, Konark .

(c) Preservation of Taj Mahal & other Monuments in Agra.

(d) Organising a SITE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP at Elephanta.

(e) Organising a SITE MANAGERS WORKSHOP for World Heritage Monuments at Hospet.